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Urgent care clinic opening June 30

by EMILY STONEHOUSE

Editor

It's official. Minden Hills will be opening an urgent care clinic in the space that formerly housed the emergency department. Spearheaded by the Kawartha North Family Health Team (KNFHT), the clinic is currently slated to be opening on June 30, to cover the buzz of the long weekend, and then will continue to stay open on weekends until all staff are in place. "We will be using existing staff from Fenelon Falls and Bobcaygeon

for the time being," said Marina Hodson, the executive director for the KNFHT, "and we will be continuing to work on recruiting staff to the site."

Hodson held a public question and answer period on June 9 at the Minden Community Centre, at which point she navigated the many queries of locals in regards to what an urgent care clinic entails.

At the time, Hodson clarified that the clinic would be designed for injuries needing immediate attention, but are not necessarily life-threatening. Nurse practitioners at the

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Mindful of Minden

Those against the closure of the Minden emergency room gathered on County Road 1 outside of the Haliburton hospital holding Minden Matters signs on Friday, June 16. From left, Brian Weston, Patrick Porzuczek, Bernie Davis, Ron Nesbitt, Jim Davis, and Laura Porzuczek stop for a photo. /VIVIAN COLLINGS Staff



Patty Daly and Tina Twyne hold signs for those driving by the Haliburton Hospital, protesting the closure of the Minden ER, on Friday, June 16.

Clinic removes pressure from Haliburton site

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site will be readily equipped to offer stitches, staples, and sutures

The facility would also be for those who do not have primary care physicians, so folks can have access to medical care without going to the ED. Walk-ins and booked appointments will both be accepted moving forward. The facility will alleviate the pressures recently put on the Haliburton hospital site to provide care for injuries across the board.

In a press release issued on June 20 to announce the opening of the clinic, Deputy Premier and the Minister of Health Sylvia Jones finally weighed in on the Minden ED closure. "We recognize the need for all Ontarians to have access to convenient care, closer to home, no matter where they live in the province," she said. "Ontario is proud to be a partner with community partners to help improve care for the residents of Minden and is supporting this collaboration with the investment to help the Minden Urgent Care Clinic open its doors."

At the time of the Q and A on June 9, Hodson had shared that she had already applied the funding for the clinic from the provincial government, despite the deadline not landing until June 16. By June 20, they had received the news that

the funding had been approved. "They obviously expedited the review process," she told the *Times*, "they recognized the needs, and moved the application through very quickly."

In the press release, provided by the Ontario Health media team, it shared that the funding for the site will be provided by the Ministry of Health, as well as one-time investments to purchase equipment for the clinic.

"The quick action taken by the Kawartha North Family Health Team and supported by Haliburton Highlands Health Services, with support from the Ministry of Health is good news, ensuring Minden will have access to an urgent care clinic very soon," said Laurie Scott, the MPP for the region.

Interim CEO of HHHS Veronica Nelson also supported the recent announcement. "Haliburton Highlands Health Services is pleased to support the KNFHT's operation of an urgent care clinic at the Minden Site," she said. "This initiative has led to an expedited implementation of an urgent care clinic for our community."

The Minden clinic will open its doors on Friday, June 30 to Monday, July 3 from 12:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m., followed by weekends until fully staffed. Current hours of operation will be posted on the KNFHT, HHHS and Kawartha Lakes Haliburton Ontario Health Team websites.

AH tackles housing questions, starts with 'blue sky' thinking

by JAMES MATTHEWS

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Algonquin Highlands is taking steps toward encouraging more affordable housing in the township by taking stock of possible options.

Council recently tasked staff to prepare a report on means of municipal support to address housing availability within the township. A number of supports are currently available to help support the development of additional residential units within Algonquin Highlands.

Councillors got a look when they met June 15 at that report prepared by Sean O'Callaghan, one of the municipality's planners.

"This is some blue sky thinking on our part," said Mayor Liz Danielsen.

But, she said, if councillors had some ideas to offer, O'Callaghan might have a direction in which to work.

Deputy Mayor Jennifer Dailloux said her mind goes to a couple things regarding future zoning bylaw amendments.

She said Algonquin Highlands councils have skirted for years around the possibility of tiny home communities to provide housing.

"It's a big conversation," she said. "It's not an easy thing. But there are some examples out there of how it is working and not working."

She questioned a township's role in encouraging the construction of affordable housing as opposed to more housing in general that could be for people from all financial levels.

"The term incentive is terrifying when it comes to housing," Dailloux said. "Any incentive worth its muster is going to be a big one."

Dailloux asked if there could be something outside the parameters of planning legislation that would enable more municipal support for affordable housing.

"There are already incentives, sort of a tool box of things laid out for things that we could do on our own," Danielsen

said. "I don't think it would preclude us if we thought that there was going to be something that would really support affordable housing, which is maybe not necessarily the most suited for Algonquin Highlands."

Danielsen said opportunities lay in land donations, dropping permit fees, communal water and sewer services.

"I've got a suspicion that we're not finished seeing changes that are going to come from the province that will move forward with this," she said.

One of the greatest problems, Danielsen said, is the very definition of what is affordable and what that means.

She said there may be opportunities in tiny home development clusters that would be affordable. Another possibility that's been talked about is to take a parcel of land and build a number of homes on a communal utility system.

O'Callaghan said the idea of communal services has garnered favour at the provincial level. And it would require the county's official plan to be updated and then the municipality's official plan to follow suit.

Councillor Lisa Barry broached the idea of a multi-residential build with shared services and one unit is allotted for affordable housing while the rest are sold at market value.

"I think we might run into trouble trying to decide who should acquire a property like that," Danielsen said.

The mayor suggested a likely scenario would be for the municipality to build a small house and sell it at cost plus five per cent or something. Then the proceeds from that first build be used to fund a second build.

"You could do it that way," she said. "As far as how you would determine who would be eligible, there is a variety of different ways that you could do that."

She said the township could lop off 10 acres from the airport land to be used for affordable housing. But that spawns transportation problems that would require more

"Do we want to borrow that kind of money or get involved in that level of development?" Danielsen said.

There's been proposals and ideas broached in discussions with the City of Kawartha Lakes, which is the housing provider for Algonquin Highlands, that have not been well received, Danielsen said.

And that's led to a line of thought that maybe there should be a Haliburton County housing authority.

"It will be interesting to see how that trickles down at the county level," she said. "Or whether that's something that's even feasible, where the discussions go.

"But, for now, I just wanted to hear thoughts. We asked for housing and a discussion about housing to be on our



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> June 29 - Regular Council Meeting July 27 - Regular Council Meeting

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CULTURAL CENTRE EVENTS

The Backwoodsmen will perform live outdoors at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre on Saturday June 24 at 2 pm. The quartet featuring the Gallery's current artist Rob Niezen, Dr. Al Kirby, Rob Cory and John Bird, tells the stories and sings the folk songs documented throughout rural Ontario in the 1950s by song-collector/scholar Edith Fowke. Bring your lawn chair. Admission is by donation. For more information, please call 705-286-3763 or email <u>culturalcentre@mindenhills.ca</u>.

Cross Cut, an exhibit by Rob Niezen, is on display at the Agnes Jamieson Gallery until July 1. The exhibit features 24 linocuts illustrating traditional Ontario folk songs reimagined in a contemporary context. The Agnes Jamieson Gallery is open Tuesday to Saturday from 10 am – 4 pm. Admission is by donation. For more information please look at the events calendar https://calendar.mindenhills.ca/default/Detail/2023-05-04-1000- Cross-Cut-Exhibit-by-Rob-Niezen.

Bateman Family: A Sense of Place will be on display from July 6 to September 2 at the Agnes Jamieson Gallery. This personal family exhibit features original paintings and limited-edition prints by Alan, Brad, Jack, Robert & Ross and photographs by Birgit Freybe Bateman. The opening reception will take place on Saturday July 8 from 1-4 pm. Pre-registration is required for the artist talk at 1:30 pm. For more information, please call 705-286-3763, email <u>culturalcentre@mindenhills.ca</u> or look at the events Bateman-Family-A-Sense-of-Place.

The Minden Hills Museum & Heritage Village and Nature's Place is now open for the season Tuesday to Saturday from 10 am - 4 pm. Join us daily for self-guided village tours and hands-on activities including Wildlife Sketching on June 15 from 3-4 pm, Rock Painting on June 16 from 3-4 pm and Butter-Making on June 17 from 11 am – 12 pm and 2-3 pm. Don't miss the amphibian exhibit in Nature's Place! Admission is by donation. For more information, please call 705-286-3763 or email culturalcentre@mindenhills.ca.

Athletes and coaches celebrated

by VIVIAN COLLINGS

Times Staff

It was a year of getting "back to normal" in the world of sports at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School.

Red Hawks athletes and coaches were reconized for outstanding performance and dedication during the school's annual Athletic Ceremony on Wednesday, June 14.

"This year is extra special because it is the first time in three years that we have been able to gather together and celebrate Red Hawk athletics since before the pandemic. It's hard to believe, but this is the first time our Grade 12 Red Hawk athletes have attended our Athletic Ceremony," said Department of Physical Health and Education teacher Janice Scheffee said during her opening remarks.

Sports that took place at HHSS in the fall this year were girls basketball, cross country running, girls field hockey, golf, boys soccer, and boys volleyball.

Winter sports came next with Nordic skiing, boys basketball, girls volleyball, and wrestling, ending with badminton, girls soccer, and track and field in the spring.

Awards were given to celebrate athletes on each team showing distinguished leadership and improvement, and major awards were given at the end of the ceremony.

Athletes of the year were Ivan Zagorsky and Emerson Wilson, both in Grade 12.

Zagorsky started school at HHSS in 2021 and quickly showed his passion and dedication for sports.

"All the years I've practiced and worked on sports, it just means a lot. This shows that if you work hard for something, you can definitely achieve it," Zagorsky said to the *Times*.

Wilson said team sports were one of her favourite parts of going to school at Hal High.

"It feels amazing. I've put in so much work over the years, and I love sports, especially team sports," Wilson said about winning athlete of the year. "I love the feeling of winning it together and working together. [Winning athlete of the year] is a validation of all that hard work, the extra time and effort that I put in over the years."

Although the two athletes were involved in many sports,



Ivan Zagorsky and Emerson Wilson were named the athletes of the year at the 43rd annual Haliburton Highlands Secondary School Athletic Ceremony. /VIVIAN COLLINGS Staff

their time playing soccer stood out to each of them.

"In Grade 11, I thought there would never be a [boys] soccer team while I was here. It was seven years ago they last had one. My favourite memory is having the impact of starting a soccer team again this year, in my Grade 12 year," Zagorsky said.

Becoming a Kawartha champion alongside the girls varsity soccer team was a moment Wilson will always cherish.

"Going in, we all had such low expectations because we were a varsity team. Last year, we didn't do very well, and we were all out there to have fun, and I think that's why we

performed well. We just weren't putting so much pressure on ourselves and just wanted to do our best," Wilson said.

Zagorsky's plan for the future is to become a police officer after pursuing a trades apprenticeship first.

Wilson is sad to be leaving HHSS behind, but is excited for the future.

"I'm ready to go off and see what else the world has to offer," she said.

She will be attending the University of Waterloo for an undergraduate degree in biochemistry.



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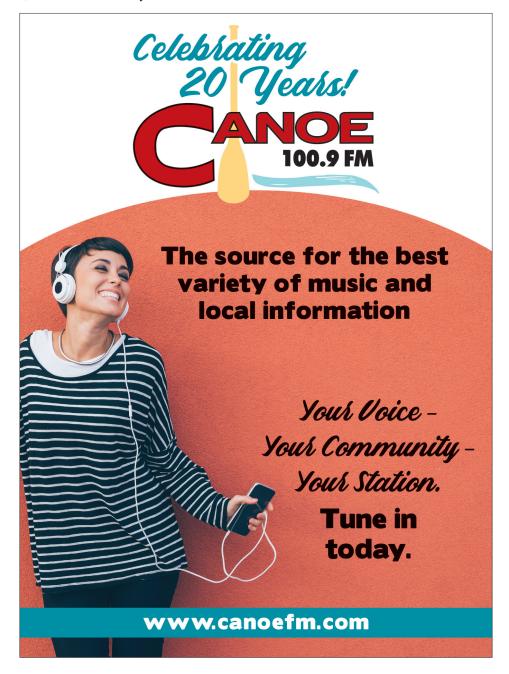
This change came into effect on June 1, 2023, as a result of severe and on-going staffing shortages.

If you are in need of serious medical attention, always CALL 911.

Anyone needing emergency care can access services at the Haliburton site (7199 Gelert Road, Haliburton).

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The case of the mystery snails

by EMILY STONEHOUSE

Editor

"Fast" may not often be an adjective used to describe snails, but when it comes to the "Chinese mystery snail"; the most recent invasive species ravaging local lakes, it seems apt.

"They are virtually in all of our lakes," said Paul MacInnes, the chair of the Coalition of Haliburton Property Owners Associations (CHA), "and they're certainly not good for our balance here."

Having been introduced to North America in the late 1800's as a type of food, it is presumed that they arrived in Haliburton County via the Trent Severn Waterway a number of years ago, with South Lake in Minden being the first where they were identified.

"Because they are an invasive species, they have no competitors," said MacInnes. The lack of predators causes an imbalance in the natural ecosystem of the lakes. He shared that while local snails are born out of their shells, offering a consistent food source to growing fish, the Chinese mystery snails grow up in their shells, offering no food to any fish.

"A good snail also consumes algae, including blue-green algae," said MacInnes, "but the mystery snails just eat regular algae, leaving all the nutrients to the blue-green algae to grow from." Blue-green algae can cause toxic blooms that could harm any waterfowl, fish, animal, or human that comes in contact with it.

MacInnes noted that other harmful components of the Chinese mystery snails are the spread of swimmer itch, the transporting of parasites, and their ability to out-compete local snails.

With the introduction of the invasive species, the entire lake is at risk.

When the snails were first observed, the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) created a mandate that required all people removing snails to have a proper license in place. "I understood the licensing," said MacInnes. "It made





The Chinese mystery snails have been wreaking havoc on local lakes since they were discovered. There are hopes that they can be remediated in some capacity thanks to a new removal program put in place. /Photos submitted

sure the snails were disposed of properly, and it made sure people weren't taking out the good snails. But it took two years to get, and limited the license to one person per lake."

As the snails continued to spread, MacInnes contacted the MNRF to see if the regulations could be adjusted based on the need. "Through the CHA, the MNRF, and various branches within the MNRF, we were able to create a new licensing program," said MacInnes.

This year, over 200 people from lakes across the county were able to attain their license on May 17 to remove the Mystery Snails over the course of the summer, in collaboration with the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters

Since the collections have started, over 700,000 have been removed from local lakes. MacInnes noted that some lakes

have a larger concentration of snails than others, prompting involvement from the MNRF to assist with extensive removal.

The licensing program assists with proper removal of the invasive species, to ensure that passing seagulls or squirrels don't take the shells and infect other regions unknowingly. "We will have a formal count at the end of the month for how many we've collected so far this year," said MacInnes, "but I know it's already been thousands and thousands."

With the Chinese mystery snails population continuing to grow through the county, MacInnes hopes that the efforts this year will help the lakes in any way they can. "We need to keep our lakes in balance," he said. "Nature is a balancing act, and these invasive species throw off that balance."









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Five stages of grief

OU'VE PROBABLY heard it before. References to the five stages of grief. Maybe you've heard it alluded to on a television show, or from a doctor, or maybe you've experienced them yourself: denial, anger, bargaining, depression and acceptance.

During a time of loss, emotions can feel complicated. The purpose of the five stages of grief framework is to add validity and understanding to those big emotions. It also gives direction through the pain. Once you've hit stage two or three, you know there are only a few more to go. The countdown is on. You can see the light at the end of the tunnel. You're doing it. You're almost

A loss can be anything. A person, a pet, a chapter in your life, an opportunity you missed.

Or a local emergency department.

If I were to hazard a guess, I would say we as a community are comfortably hovering around the second stage these days: anger.

We went through the denial already. The quarry of questions, the cornucopia of concerns. We spent six weeks believing it just wouldn't happen. They wouldn't do it. The efforts would be noticed. It could never actually be final.

But here we are, just over two weeks since the closure date, and we have shifted gears into stage two.

And what a vile and toxic stage it

Name-calling, threats, accusations, anger. What was previously a feelgood story of a grassroots group of individuals fighting for the betterment of our community has turned into a great divide. Multiple groups sprouting up on Facebook, each one blaming the other for

their shortcomings, accusing one another of withholding information, bullying, and, ironically, losing focus of the big picture.

I have watched words like "slander" and "libel" and "fraud" being tossed around freely, with little consideration towards the faces or feelings behind the screens.

I thought about doing a deep dive into this. About tracing the money from the various fundraising campaigns myself. I considered contacting the big names and trying to find the truth. Whatever that is. And maybe if it continues, I will. Maybe it will be worthy of a frontpage story one day.

But right now, it's just anger.

Vile and toxic anger, lashed out from a place of grief. I know that, because I can see while wading through the hundreds and hundreds of comments that flood the multiple sites, that no one is happy with anything. It doesn't matter if you are being clear-cut or cagey, kind

or cutting. It doesn't matter.

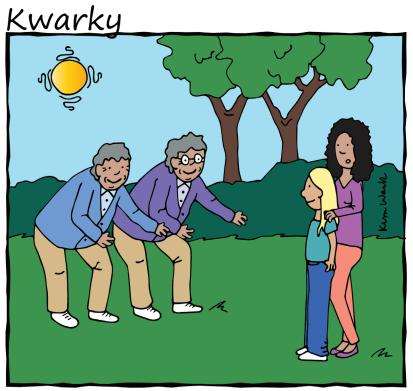
Everyone is sitting in stage two. Everyone is angry.

And yes, maybe there is a story behind, underneath, and ahead of the anger. But currently, it's not a story, it's a storm.

I hope we can move forward soon. Right now, we're wallowing in stage two. But soon enough, I am confident that as a community, we will find our footing once again, and continue the march ahead. While there will be highs and lows as we navigate the stages of grief, as we come to terms with the loss, maybe one day, we will see the light at the end of the tunnel.

We're doing it.

We're almost there.



"If you can't tell them apart, Grandma wears glasses."

The night before bass season

STEVE GALEA

Beyond 35

T'was the night before bass season and all through the house,

Not a creature was calm, except maybe my spouse,

The rods were arranged by the doorway with care. I bought a new one and then one more

spare, The boat it was nestled all snug on the

My fishing buddy called and he swore

like a sailor, And my wife in her housecoat and me in

my cap, Had just settled down to read a lake map.

When out on the lawn there arose a grave matter,

My boat trailer had slipped off the hitch with a clatter,

Away to the doorway I flew like a flash,

I went through the screen door with a great crash, The trailer on the slope of the

newly cut lawn, Begin to roll faster and soon

would be gone, When what to my wondering eyes should appear,

But my neighbour's tom cat with a look of pure fear,

The little old tabby was lively and quick, And the hair on his back make him look rather thick

But more rapid than beagles the trailer it

As my wife watched in shock a disaster unfold. Now crashing, now bouncing, off the

curb and the road, Through the neighbour's new garden, some shrubs, and a toad,

Right past a car and over a wall Now crash away, crash away trailer, and

As dry heaves precede a big manly cry, Just before you claim you've got dirt in

So, through his yard boat and trailer flew, And would you believe he never did sue? And then there was tinkling, I saw at a glance,

And I think he required a changing of pants, As I drew in my housecoat and was look-

ing around, For his cat, just run over, was making a

sound, He was dressed all in fur from his front to

his back. And right up the belly a new trailer track, His look was sheer horror, mixed was

surrender, And the trailer rolled on, but it left its right fender,

The man's face it crinkled, his language

was sweary,

His voice it was yelling, and

at first it was scary, His droll little mouth was drawn up like a bow,

As he yelled to me "Man, get your trailer and go!'

A stump of a pipe he held tight in his teeth,

His trellis was gone and the garden beneath

His garbage in turmoil and quite a bit smelly,

How bad you ask? It could turn a man's belly,

And his fence it was gone where the trailer went through,

It ruined his grass and a lawn gnome or

In the blink of an eye, it had crashed though a shed, And it didn't slow down through his

wife's flower bed, I spoke not a word, but I stepped on a

And the hickory handle, a big bump it did

And the trailer rolling to the lake that was

As I ran very quickly and reset my nose, It rolled into the water and the boat it kept going,

A man looked at me with a look that was knowing,

And he smiled, and he laughed, as he stood by the ramp,

He said, "The season starts tomorrow, you crazy old scamp!"



EMILY STONEHOUSE Editor



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Only in America

O MATTER what calamity the world suffers, the only really important news in the United States these days is Donald Trump. News networks feverishly report his limo leaving Trump Tower for another court appearance in downtown New York. Or, his \$100 million Boeing 757 taxiing for takeoff to a criminal arraignment in Florida.

Media packs follow him in and out of courtrooms, then to election campaign stops where he boasts of being a stable genius who will be president again next year.

The current odds favour him winning the Republican nomination and beating Joe Biden for the presidency in 2024. However, the odds also fa-



JIM POLING SR. From Shaman's Rock

vour him being convicted of criminal offences related to hush money payments in New York, mishandling of secret documents in Florida or trying to fix election results in Georgia.

If he is convicted on one of those offences and imprisoned how could he continue to run for president?

Easily. Nothing in U.S. law prevents him from becoming president while doing prison time. The law says that any natural born U.S. citizen who is 35 years or older and has lived in the country at least 14 years can be president.

If convicted and jailed, Trump will not be the first person to run for president while serving time. A guy named Eugene Debs did it back in 1920 and won three per cent of the popular vote. Nearly one million people voted for

Conspiracy theorist Lyndon LaRouche ran for the White House in 1992 while doing a 15-year term for fraud. He won only 0.1 per cent of the popu-

There's already one declared candidate running for the 2024 presidency from prison. Joseph Maldonado-Passage, also called Joe Exotic and star of the Netflix 'Tiger King' series, filed his candidacy papers in February as a Libertarian. He's doing 21 years in Texas for animal trafficking and abuse offences and for attempting to arrange the murder of a rival zoo keeper.

If Trump does become president while in a prison – say Sing Sing in Ossining, New York – Prime Minister Justin Trudeau will have to visit him there to discuss Canada-U.S. trade agreements. Trump will demand that Trudeau meet him to redo trade agreements that he says are great for Canada but are "horrible, horrible deals for our country."

The prime minister will have to dress appropriately for the meeting, ensuring that he wears clothing and jewellery that meet prison visit rules. He'll have to show valid photo ID.

Trump will be able to dress up a bit, although not in his standard blue suit and bright red tie. He'll have to wear the green prison issue pants but Sing Sing inmates are allowed to wear personal tops and personal footwear that doesn't cost more than \$80.

If it is a luncheon meeting, the food could be hamburger, carrots, peas and boiled potatoes – one of the standard Sing Sing meals.

That will make Trump happy because his favourite meal is a quarter pounder, fries and diet Coke. Trudeau likely won't be impressed because he has more elegant tastes.

The odds of getting the Republican presidential nomination or the odds of him winning the November 2024 presidential election could change dramatically. So could the odds of him being convicted of any of the offences and of serving any prison time.

The likelihood of a Florida conviction got a boost earlier this month when Trump's former attorney general said the charges of wilfully holding onto secret documents appear solid.

"I was shocked by the degree of sensitivity of these documents and how many there were ...," said Bill Barr. "If even half of it is true, then he's

Trump had a quick and nasty response to that for the media. He said Barr was a weak and lazy attorney general and a "gutless pig."

The odds will not change, however, on one aspect of the Trump drama. No matter what happens in the courts or political arenas you can bet Donald Trump will be a main item on the daily news for many months, and perhaps years to come.

All are impacted

by closures

To the Editor,

letters to the editor

I've been thinking about emotions over the last weeks and how to focus those emotions forward. We have elected officials who are supposed to fight for and help us fight when it comes to public matters like health care. Politicians have made promises, and they have written commitments about Health Care. They have not fulfilled those promises, and they are not meeting those commitments, especially to Rural Ontario.

For two months now, the sitting government, including our own MPP, has avoided us. Instead, pointing their fingers at everyone but themselves for their role in the Minden ER closing. And it's not just Minden, it's happening all over Rural Ontario facilities. Why? It's because it does not make them money. When I read that Premier Ford has a \$22 Billion dollar slush fund that was taken out of Health Care, it's clear there is a much bigger picture here.

Consolidation of Emergency Departments and Hospital closures have negative effects. Loss of revenue for local businesses. A service area monopoly puts a community at risk of no health care or limited access to care if the health system fails. Currently, this problem is spreading throughout not only Ontario but Canada as a country. All levels of government need to do something now.

I want to remind everyone that we pay taxes and that hard-earned money is supposed to guarantee us access to health care. Our tax dollars are an investment to be invested in services for all of us. The government needs to be held accountable for what it promised. Health care is one of those commitments. Rural Ontario needs to speak up. We are more than a place to visit.

Thank you.

Patrick Porzuczek, Minden

We need the ER

To the Editor,

For what it is worth, my two cents;

I have severe food allergies and go into anaphylaxis with even the smallest amount of ingestion of food that I am allergic to. For anyone not aware, look into how quickly food allergies can go from ingestion to death. It's tremendously sobering. The Minden ER has saved my life twice over the years

I've been visiting Minden. I choose to build my cottage close to Minden for this very reason.

With our population continually expanding and similarly the number of people affected by food allergies. It seems a gross step backwards to be closing ER departments.

The thought of a child dying in their par-

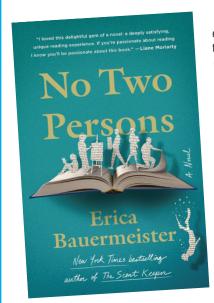
ents arms because the hospital is too far away scares the hell out of me. The thought of an elderly parent dying beside their child because it took too long to get to the hospital scares the hell out of me. The thought of anyone dying needlessly scares the hell out

It seems that we are not progressing as a society but instead moving backwards.

Since the Minden ER closing, I have been seriously considering selling and moving closer to Haliburton or another area with a local ER department. I'm sure many others have been considering the same.

> Michael Marsland, Minden

HCPL's Book of the Week



Alice has always wanted to be a writer. Her talent is innate, but her stories remain safe and detached, until a devastating event breaks her heart open, and she creates a stunning debut novel. Her words, in turn, find their way to readers: a teenager hiding her homelessness, a free diver pushing himself beyond endurance, an artist furious at the world around her, a bookseller in search of love, a widower rent by grief. Each one is drawn into Alice's novel; each one discovers something different that alters their perspective, and presents new pathways forward for their lives.

Together, their stories reveal how books can affect us in the most beautiful and unexpected of ways - and how we are all more closely connected to one another than we might think.

No Two Persons by Erica Bauermeister is available to borrow from the Haliburton County Public Library.

Minden company makes offer for cremation internments

by JAMES MATTHEWS

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Minden Hills has tapped a local funeral service to handle cremation internments.

Council heard in May that the Department of Community Services must be available to provide internment services at the cemetery on short notice. But a recent reduction in staff, in addition to vacation allocations and facility operational hours, will put immense stress on the department to maintain those operations.

So in order to maintain service levels,

the township contracted CemeCare to provide a number of internment services. But, since then, local provider Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd. reached out to township staff to offer to perform cremation internments services at a lower rate than CemeCare.

Council heard during its June 8 meeting that full internments will remain with CemeCare, but staff recommends contracting with the local provider for cremation internments for the 2023 season.

Craig Belfry, community services director, said the local funeral parlour offers the service for a lower price than CemeCare.

CemeCare will do the opening and closing of inground cremation for \$450 plus taxes.

Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd. will do the opening and closing of inground cremation for \$375 plus taxes.

The funding for the contracting of internment services for the 2023 season can be realized through the re-allocation of unused budgeted community services staffing allocations, which has been vacant through the first quarter of 2023, and the additional vacancies that have recently occurred.

Basically, the department's unused salary and benefits money, freed up by staff vacancies, will be used will be used to pay for the ontracts.

Other cemetery duties will be carried out by CemeCare, said Belfry.

The opening and closing of a gravesite will cost \$1,400 plus taxes. Services surcharge for Saturdays before 3 p.m. will be \$150 plus tax.

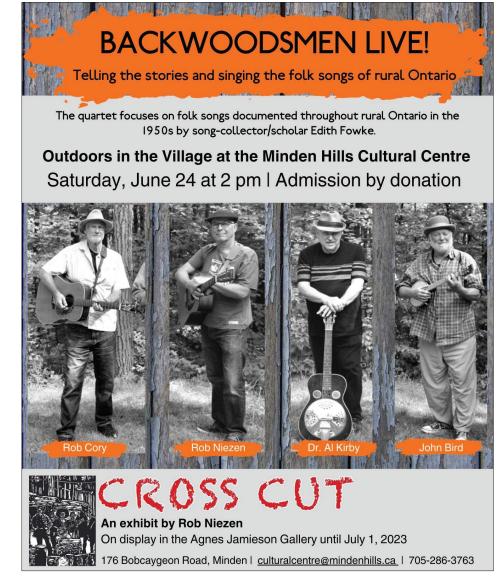
"Staff will continue to make every effort to perform cremation internment services for both opening and closing inground cremations and cremation niche when staff compliment and scheduling permits," Belfry said in a report to council.

Paying it forward

The local Tim Hortons businesses in Minden and Haliburton recently wrapped up their "Smile Cookie" campaign, and were able to donate \$11,943.50 to Walkabout Farms in Minden. The facility focuses on therapeutic riding, youth mental health retreats, and support for adults with intellectual disabilities. Last year, Walkabout worked with over 800 people, and the founder, Jennifer Semach, runs the facility off-grid, with no hydro. With the money donated by Tim Hortons businesses, she hopes to get access to electricity so she can support individuals after school as well. Pictured, Audrina Upton, Tim Hortons store manager, Mike Garland, management, Paige Chapman, management, and Jennifer Semach, founder and facilitator of Walkabout Farms. /EMILY STONEHOUSE Staff







HCDC launches "The Link"

by EMILY STONEHOUSE

Editor

If there's one thing that the Haliburton County Development Corporation (HCDC) knows well, it's the value of collaboration and community.

This is why their newest initiative, "The Link", is the perfect new project for them.

Slated to open in July, The Link will be located at 5152 County Road 21, right beside Timber Mart. The facility once housed Patient News Publishing, which has recently downsized to utilize only a small portion of the building, leaving room for new initiatives in the vacant portions.

HCDC saw this as an opportunity. "A lot of people think that all we do is provide loans," said HCDC Executive Director Patti Tallman, "but now we will be able to offer that mentoring piece as well; escalating the business services we provide.

The new co-working space will offer five offices and eight coworking desks, providing opportunities for cottagers and locals needing high-speed internet to rent and use on a caseby-case basis. It will also house a large meeting room, which will be available for rental for the public. "I think the meeting room will be a really valuable resource for our community, said Heather Reid, program and operations coordinator.

The move comes at a time where HCDC and their services were feeling the need to expand. At their current location, which is housed at 235 Highland Street on the second floor, the staff were noting that the lack of accessibility was impacting their visits and clients.

HCDC also runs the Business Incubator and Coworking Space on Mountain Street, where folks could rent hot desks and access high speed internet for an affordable price, but once again, felt as though the needs of the community were surpassing the available space.

So, it was time for a change.

But with the change came more than the Incubator and the HCDC offices melding together in one space. The HCDC



Heather Reid, program and operations coordinator at Haliburton County Development Corporation, is eager to open the doors for the newest undertaking for the community organization: The Link.

team saw this as an opportunity to include more services that would benefit businesses in the community, all under one

In The Link, HCDC services will be joined by the Arts Council, the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce, and Haliburton County Economic Development and Tourism department satellite offices, the Business Development Bank of Canada, plus existing businesses that have been affiliated with the incubator and HCDC in the past.

"The County of Haliburton fully supports this expansion of entrepreneurial services provided by HCDC," said County Council Warden Liz Danielsen. "The collaboration of all our community partners in economic development will be a tremendous benefit and resource to our regional economy."

HCDC also intends to further their services for not-forprofits at the Link, including support with grant writing, funding, and strategic planning. Tallman shared that the Link will be offering workshops specifically dedicated to not-forprofits, so that their services can be offered throughout the

In terms of navigating the previous accessibility concerns, the team at HCDC have started working with ACM Designs to ensure that the space is safe, comfortable, and available for everyone. "We will have fully accessible spaces," said Tallman, "including washrooms, doors, and meeting rooms."

ACM shared that they are thrilled to be included in the creative components of the move. "My business owes its existence to the invaluable support we received from HCDC over the years," said Andria Cowan Molyneaux, Founder and Principal of ACM Designs. "When the opportunity arose to collaborate with them and lend our expertise in space planning and decor, we were thrilled.

Tallman expressed her gratitude for ACM Designs, and also wanted to thank Steve Barry of North of Seven Custom Carpentry, and Greg Scheffee from Timber Mart, for all their support and advice throughout the process.

For those interested in booking a rentable office, meeting room, or hot desks, contact HCDC by calling us at 705-457-3555 or emailing info@haliburtoncdc.ca.

"This is a great opportunity to centralize a multitude of businesses," said Tallman, "and it really will benefit everyone."





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Luck of the Draw...

UMAN BEINGS love certainty. They like things to make sense. So they tell themselves stories that arrange the things they think they know into a narrative that makes them feel good, and then they share that story and other people validate it and perhaps adopt it as making sense of what they think they know. And on it goes.

One of the central stories we tell ourselves, in the Western world at least, is about class. We position ourselves somewhere along an economic spectrum that also implies a lot about character. To be middle class, even if we're not quite certain about what that is, is good. To be lower class or upper class is a bit suspect: too little of whatever it is that

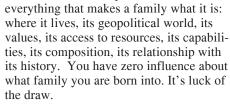
makes money on the one hand and a bit too much on the other. Kinda like Goldilocks's bed, middle class is just right.

Deborah Dundas's just-published book On Class explores how it would change us if we talked more honestly about what class is and how it works in our culture. She skewers us on our own class hypocrisy so evident during Covid, when we banged pans at 7:30 to show our appreciation for the under-paid minions who risked their

lives to protect ours, but looked the other way when their danger pay ended before the danger did. When the un-truth of 'we're all in this together' became embarrassingly evident as the rich became much richer and the poor became temporarily almost middle class and the dispossessed died. When the hypothesis of a shared society splintered

> into a thousand points of dissonance, a dehumanizing street fight for dominance, for control, for certainty.

If we did dare to talk honestly about class, I think we would embrace the certainty that the single most influential factor in determining what class you are and will be is what family you are born into. Not just the genes (as adoption shows us) but



If we talked honestly about class, we would acknowledge that we're referring not just to wealth or the appearance of wealth but to associated behaviours - behaving in a 'classy' way being the good middle way, not unmannered (lower class) or snooty (upper class). It's not so much what we have, but more how we behave about what we have.

Which gets us to a consideration of privilege. The question isn't whether or not you have privilege, because simply being alive is a privilege, for starters. It's how much you have relative to the other in a given situation, and how you acknowledge and use that advantage. (Or are abused by ignorance or disadvantage – it works both ways.)

Deborah Dundas was born poor – single mother, on welfare, thrift shop clothes -but is now book editor of the Toronto Star, an influential position that puts her into the economic middle class. Her job entails making decisions that will impact the lives of probably-struggling writers – to review their books, or not – and rubbing elbows with the affluent at philanthropic and cultural events. She doth bestride the class world like a Colossus, on one hand/foot bestowing profile that can launch or extend a career, on the other hand/foot wondering if her half-price little black dress will pass as good-enough at \$1000/plate dinners.

The burden of privilege is to figure out what the right thing to do is in a world where privilege is as relative as the weather. (And, like living with weather, learn from your mistakes.) Dundas explores the specifics of this conundrum in her book, and that encourages readers to do likewise.

I have lived my entire life as a woman in a patriarchal world where, as Charlotte Whitten said 'Whatever women do, they must do twice as well as men to be thought half as good.' (and added, as saucily as women of her age living in patriarchy learned to do, 'Luckily, this is not difficult.') I'm reaching an age where women tend to become invisible: ageism. Those are the short end of the privilege stick. I was born to a functional farm family that valued education: that's the long end of the privilege stick. I came into the world with good (as far as I know) genes, breathed clean (sometimes stinky) air, ate organic food before that was a construct, drank raw milk; to this I attribute my current good health and energy. I can't take credit for having those advantages: they are primarily luck of the draw.

I interpret that good luck to mean that I must use my education, reasonably good mental health, physical health and energy for the greater good. I don't know if that's the right rule for everybody, but it's a rule I share with Dundas and it'll do until we find a better one.

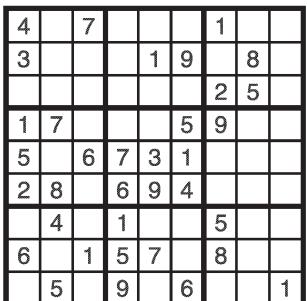
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Answers on page 18



Jamming at Dominion

Musician Emma Cook performed for a full house at Dominion Hotel on June 19 in Minden. The singer/songwriter has traveled around North America and parts of Europe showcasing her folk-based style. /TIM YANO special to the Times



Celebrate the Solstice with a circus

by EMILY STONEHOUSE

Editor

While normally Razzamataz Kids' Shows wind down for the summer months, this year, an opportunity came up that they just couldn't pass up. "This is the first time we've partnered with Dance Happens Here and Abbey Gardens to bring high quality, affordable theatre to the community," said Nicole Stewart, the chair of the children's theatre

The groups are collaborating to present Branché, a circus show for all ages that combines acrobatics, vertical dance, and physical theatre, all performed in, between, and with trees. "The show is a collaboration between Acting for Climate and Cirque Barcode from Montreal," said Stewart. "It aims to change our perspective of how humans are connected with nature."

Dance Happens Here Haliburton (DH3) has dazzled audiences in the county since 2015. The not-for-profit has facilitated events such as the Nutcracker, Fashion Fallies, and Viva Burlesque to name a few. Their goal is to incorporate both professional and locally-based dance into the community through a variety of performances, workshops, and events.

This is the first time DH3 has partnered with Razzamataz since the COVID-19 pandemic. "We are thrilled to work with these incredible community organizations," said Stewart, "and we hope this is the first of many partnerships together."

The event is hosted at Abbey Gardens (AG) as a part of their first ever Solstice Festival. "I've wanted to host an event like this for a while," said Ashley McAllister, director of operations for AG, "a type of festival where we focus on nature, biodiversity, and being mindful of our natural world." The festival is designed for young families, and will feature garden tours, an artisan market, live music, and



nature-based crafts. Pre-registration is required.

'When Razzamataz reached out to collaborate, I thought this type of performance would be absolutely perfect for our audience, and to help raise awareness, even at a young age," said McAllister.

The Solstice Festival will start at 11 a.m. at Abbey Gardens on June 24, with the Branché show being performed at 1 p.m. with a question and answer period to follow with the performers.

"It's for people of all ages, designed to delight and inspire both young and old," said Stewart.

For more information on the Solstice Festival and the Branché show, visit www.abbeygardens.ca/solsticefestival.

Acting for Climate and Cirque Barcode from Montreal are working with Abbey Gardens and Razzamataz Kids' Shows to present Branché on June 24. The acrobatic circue show is a part of the first ever Solstice Festival held at Abbey Gardens. Photo submitted



County of Haliburton **Notice County Council Summer Meeting Schedule**

By resolution of Council there will be only one regularly scheduled Council meeting during the months of July and August. Committee of the Whole meetings have been cancelled. County Council will meet as scheduled on July 26 and August 16, 2023.

For more information, please refer to the County's CivicWeb portal: https://haliburton.civicweb.net/Portal

If a special meeting is required, notice will be posted on the County's social media channels.

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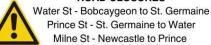
DOWNTOWN

7:30 am: Kid's Fishing Derby registration open on Water St. 8:00 am: Kid's Fishing Derby begins on Water St. 10:00 am-2:00 pm: Vendor and Exhibitors open 10:15 am: Opening Ceremonies. Royal Canadian Legion Colour Party Parade, Mayor's opening remarks at Main stage 11:00 am: Kid's Fishing Derby final weigh-in on Water St. 11:00 am: St. Paul's Anglican Church Fashion Show 1:00-2:00 pm: NEW! Rob Power Master Magician

1:30 pm: Rubber Ducky Race begins. Hosted by the Minden Lioness at the Town Dock on Water St.

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ROAD CLOSURES







CULTURAL CENTRE

10:00 am-4:00 pm: Museum, Village, Nature's Place and Gallery open for tours and hands-on activities 10:00 am- 2:00 pm: Air Bounce Inflatables and games 11:00 am-12:00 pm: NEW! Rob Power Master Magician show 12:00-1:00 pm: FREE ice cream sponsored by Kawartha Dairy, while supplies last!

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- Haliburton County Farmers Market & Minden Hills Artisan Market in the municipal parking lot
- Haliburton Highland Time Travelers Car Show CANOE FM-live on location with giveaways
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When: Friday, June 23 to June 25 Where: Wilberforce Legion Branch 624, 1007 Burleigh Rd., Wilberforce

The opening ceremony begins Friday at 2 p.m., with chicken wings and dancing with the music of Bill O'Reilly from 4 to 8 p.m. Saturday from noon to 6 p.m. has fun for the whole family with games, draws, free hot dog BBQ, poster contest judging, cake cutting, and music from the band Half Tuned. Sunday morning pancake and sausage breakfast from 9 to 11 a.m., prepared by the Ladies' Auxiliary.

Red Cross Outpost Open House

When: June 24, 2 p.m. Where: 2314 Loop Road, Wilberforce Red Cross Outpost Historic House Museum, Visit and see the museum after significant renovations and new displays. Refreshments provided.

et's Jam! Kids Music Event When: June 25, 1 to 2:30 p.m. Where: Sirch Bistro and Bakery

Free Drop-in event for kids to experiment on a variety of provided musical instruments

Acoustic Song Circle/Jam

When: June 25, 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. Where: Sirch Bistro and Bakery Bring yourself and acoustic instrument and jam along or share your songs.

Industrial Logging: Biodiversity and the **Climate Emergency**

When: June 27, 7 p.m.

Where: Virtual zoom presentation

Environment Haliburton! Is co-sponsoring an on-line learning opportunity featuring Michael Polanyi from Nature Canada. Since arriving at Nature Canada in 2021, Dr. Polanyi has led research and advocacy to advance more transparent and accurate government reporting of logging-related greenhouse gas emissions, and advised on and advocated for the incorporation of nature in Canada's Adaptation Strategy. Go to www.environmenthaliburton.org to register for this event

Minden Legion Branch 636 Lunch - Monday to Friday

Monday: Rug Hookers every second week. Bid Euchre 1 to 3 p.m.

Tuesday: Food 5 p.m. Canoe FM Bingo

Thursday: Cribbage 1 to 3 p.m., Darts 7 to 9 p.m. and Euchre 7 to 9 p.m. Every other Friday: Karaoke 8 to 11

Friday Fish & Chips & Wings. Lunch 11a.m. to 2 p.m. and Dinner 4 to 7 p.m. Every other Friday Karaoke 8 to 11 p.m. Saturday All Day Breakfast 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. with three Meat draws at 11 a.m. Call ahead any day for take-out:

Schedules are subject to change without notice. Check our Facebook page Minden Legion Branch 636 for more info.

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Artist Charmaine Lurch has a background in environmental science, and creates art based on connections between the human and the natural world. She will be doing an Artist Talk on June 28 at the **Haliburton School** of Art + Design. /Photo submitted

Bees in the trees

by EMILY STONEHOUSE

Editor

We've all heard the phrase "see the forest for the trees," but what about seeing the forest for the bees?

That's what the Haliburton Sculpture Forest is aiming to do for their newest collaboration with artist in residence Charmaine Lurch.

"We've had dancers before as artists in residence," said Jim Blake, the curator of the Sculpture Forest, "but we have never had a visual artist. And there are many layers to Charmaine as an artist."

Lurch is a multidisciplinary artist with a Masters in environmental science, whose work focuses on the intricacies of relationships between humans and the natural world. She has exhibited at the Art Gallery of Ontario, Musée des beaux-arts de Montréal, and the National Gallery of Jamaica to name a few. She has also showcased installations at Nuit Blanche in Toronto and the University of British Columbia's Liu Institute.

In her artist statement for the upcoming installation, Lurch noted that approximately 75 per cent of North American plant species require an insect to pollinate. Most of the time, bees are up to the task. "Wild bees are hard to see unless they've landed on something or they're dead," she said, "I wanted for them to be seen and their vital role in our ecosystem recognized."

But unlike many art installations, Charmaine wanted the community to "bee" as involved as possible. That is why she is hosting two wild bee making workshops over the summer to kick off her installation.

Over the winter months, Lurch has been creating the wired bodies of the wild bees, and for two weeks in the summer, she is inviting anyone to join her in putting together the arms, the legs, and the wings of these fantastical wild bees. "I love the idea of having installations for this very reason," said Blake. "It really gets people involved." Blake shared that people are welcome to drop by for an hour, a day, or even the whole week. The program is free of charge, and all bees that are created will be landing in the Sculpture Forest for visitors to see.

The Sculpture Forest saw over 40,000 visitors during the COVID-19 pandemic. Since then, visitation has wavered slightly, but it is still the number one destination for visitors in Haliburton County, based on County Tourism information

With that in mind, Blake is cognizant of the environmental impact these visitors could have on the trails and the forest as a whole. "There are two parts of a sculpture forest," he said. "One is obviously the sculptures, but the other is the forest. We are stewards of the forest, and we really need to pay attention to

Artist Charmaine Lurch will be holding an artist talk on June 28 at 4:45 p.m. in the Great Hall at the Haliburton School of Art + Design. All are welcome, and there is no charge to attend. To join the wire sculpture drop-in sessions over the summer, visit www.haliburton sculptureforest.ca.

Halls Island Artist Residency

Halls Island Artist Residency, located on an off-grid island on Koshlong Lake, will be alive with creativity and artistic energy this summer. The residency is entering the fifth full year of residencies.

"We are thrilled to host a wide variety of artists from writers to visual artists to musicians" states Ruth Walker, Co-chair of the volunteer Management Committee. "Our Selection Committee was faced with the difficult task of selecting 15 artists from close to 70 excellent applications." Artists will reside alone or in small groups over 9 sessions this summer.

A number of artists will be offering free workshops or presentations throughout the summer. We invite the community to check out the dates and times posted on our website.

Meggan Winsley is an artist and printmaker raised in Haliburton and based in Toronto, Ontario. Her work has been exhibited nationally and internationally and is held in public and private collections. On June 28 you are invited to attend Meggan's printmaking workshop to learn about the creative

process of printmaking and to try screen printing for yourself. Participants will leave with a print of local flora and fauna.

Meggan will share experiences of her time spent at Halls Island Artist Residency and her knowledge and passion for printmaking. The workshop is to be held at the Welsh Room of the Minden Hills Cultural Centre from noon to 3 p.m. Admission is by donation. Anyone interested is asked to register beforehand. Registration information can be found at www.hallsisland.ca. Watch for future opportunities to attend events through the summer.

Halls Island is privately owned by a family whose generosity is providing the residency, accommodations and island access for the chosen artists. HIAR is a member of the Haliburton County Community Cooperative, a not-for-profit organization that encourages, develops and supports several community groups in the Highlands.

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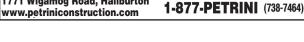


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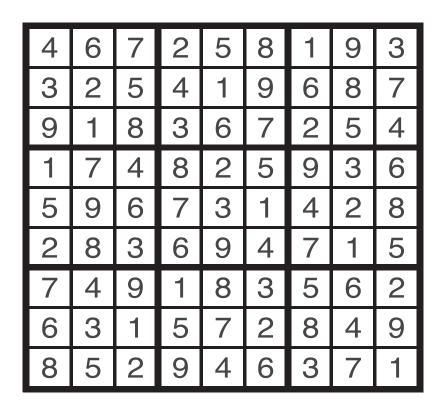
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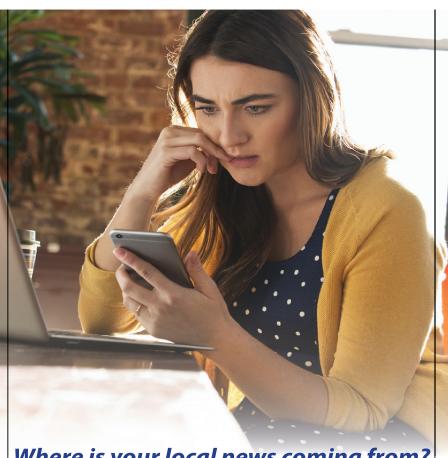
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In Quotes

"If we all take care of our own backyards, then we wouldn't have a problem," Kushog Lake's Vern Zimmerman on the NIMBY

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by IZABELA JAROSZYNSKI Times staff

FRIDAY, JUNE 4, 2004

The arts community in Minden was in full celebration last week as council decided to give the Agnes Jamieson Gallery expan-

sion a go-ahead. In a four-two decision, Minden Hills council accepted the bid from Quinan Construction to build the addition for \$438,850.

The debate began with an impassioned speech from Councillor Cheryl Murdoch.

She recounted the history of the gallery, including the legacy left behind by Agnes Jamieson,

who was Murdoch's family doctor as a child.

It was Jamieson, along with Frank Welch, the man who donated his collection of André Lapine paintings to the gallery, that got the ball rolling towards establishing a cultural centre.

As for the collection be-

queathed to the gallery, Murdoch said it was a shame to keep it hidden.

"It is worth a lot of money, it's world-renowned, a national treasure, and we keep it in storage."

She pointed to the "stacks of letter from people in this comsee IF WE EXPAND page 4



Good for the heart

Joanna Arthur, Grade 2, Sarah Ridsdale, Grade 2, and Lainey Main, Grade 6, show off their best skipping skills at the Jump Rope for Heart fundraising event at Archie Stouffer Elementary School last week

Kushog review of Pine Springs calls for more testing

by IZABELA JAROSZYNSKI

Times staff

The already heated debate over the proposed hauled sewage lagoon at the Pine Springs site recently took on even more inten-

In an effort to provide a "check and balance" for the site evaluation process, the Kushog Lake Property Owners' Association (KLPOA) hired Burnside and

Associates to review the data provided by Algonquin Highlands' consultants, Grace and Associates.

Burnside conducted a planning and hydrogeological review of the site, with a focus on possible adverse impacts on Kushog Lake, and concluded that there are a number of unanswered questions

"The hydrogeological investi-

gations that have been completed at the proposed site for the sewage lagoon construction are limited in extent and further studies will be required to ensure that the proposed facilities would not have adverse impacts on local water resources," the report said.

The observations made in the report by Burnside were based on a review of available data, not on fieldwork.

Burnside's report cited the following deficiencies in data:

· Although the background information used is generally appropriate, no specific references to physiographic features and geology mapping on the site and surroundings are included. This information would be needed to understand the area's topog-

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